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FOR L-GEORGE ALDRICH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW-CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ISSUES

1. DELOFF WAS INFORMED THAT A PARIS GROUP (EC9 PLUS CANADA AND US AND PERHAPS AUSTRALIA) MEETING IN DUBLIN HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF JUNE 1975. IRISH SAID TO HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD MEETING. PURPOSE OF MEETING DESCRIBED TO BE REVIEW OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AD HOC COMMITTEE RESULTS, COORDINATION IN ADVANCE OF SWEDISH WOUND BALLISTICS TESTS IN GOTHENBURG SCHEDULED FOR JULY 1975, AND FORWARD THINKING FOR SECOND SESSION OF ICRC CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 1975.

2. DELOFF CONSULTED POWERS, HEAD OF IRISH DEL., ON MARCH 26. POWERS SAID PROPOSED DUBLIN MEETING OF PARIS GROUP HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY OTHERS ON HIS DELEGATION AND ONLY LATER BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION. HE SAID HE HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT MEETING
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AND WOULD BE CONSULTING IRISH CHIEF OF STAFF DURING EASTER

RECESS OF CONFERENCE.

3. CONCERNING GOTHENBURG WOUND BALLISTICS TEST,
CANADIANS TOLD DELOFF THEY RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO
PARTICIPATE IF OTHERS IN PARIS GROUP ALSO DID. THEY
ASKED ABOUT USG ATTITUDE.

4. DELOFF TOLD IRISH AND CANADIAN REPS RESPECTIVELY
THAT ALDRICH, ON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA AFTER EASTER,
WOULD HAVE USG VIEWS ON DUBLIN MEETING AND ON GOTHENBURG
TESTS.DALE

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